

House Resolution No. 290

Whereas, the Honorable John C. Holstein was born in Springfield, Missouri, on January 10, 1945; diligently applied himself to studies at Parkview High School, Kansas State College, Southwest Missouri State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science, the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he received his Juris Doctorate, and the University of Virginia, where he received a Master of Laws degree; and began a long and loving relationship when he married the former Mary Brummell on August 26, 1967, a blessed union which brought forth three wonderful children; and

Whereas, earning an officer's commission in the United States Army in 1969, John Holstein subsequently served on active duty, in the Army Reserve, and with the National Guard, during which time he rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, graduated from the Army's Command and General Staff College, and commanded National Guard units in West Plains and Jefferson City; and

Whereas, John Holstein engaged in the private practice of law beginning in 1970 and taught business law at Southwest Missouri State University, served as City Attorney for Mountain View, and chaired the Howell County Chapter of the American Red Cross, served on its Board of Directors, and served as Chair of the Ozark Area Care and Counseling Services and as a member of the Southwest Baptist University Board of Trustees; and

Whereas, appointed as Probate and Ex Officio Magistrate in 1975, Judge John Holstein enjoyed election as Probate Judge in 1976, Associate Circuit Judge of Howell County in 1978, and Circuit Judge of the 37th Judicial Circuit in 1982, for which he rose to Presiding Circuit Judge; and

Whereas, Judge John Holstein was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District, by then-Governor John Ashcroft in April 1987, became Chief Judge in 1988, and joined the bench of the Missouri Supreme Court in October 1989, for which he served as Chief Justice from 1995 to 1997 and from which he is stepping down on March 1, 2002:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the exemplary career, impressive legal practice, and steadfast public service of Judge John Holstein and to convey to him this legislative body's hearty commendation and appreciation for his many years as a Probate, Circuit, Appellate, and Supreme Court Judge and our sincere best wishes for many more years of personal success and achievement as the first Judge in Missouri history to wield a gavel at every level of our state courts; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the well-deserved retirement of public servant and Missouri Supreme Court Judge John C. Holstein.

Offered by _____
Representative Roy Holand
District No. 135

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 290, adopted February 12, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

